Railroad Retirement Record
Pension File Abstract

Name of individual: John David Shaffer

Name of individual as appearing in the record being abstracted: John David Shaffer

Names and dates extracted from the record:		Comments:
Date of Birth	10/27/1876	
Place of Birth	Briar Creek, Columbia County	
Date of Death	9/3/1969	
Place of Death	West Burlington, Pennsylvania	Bradford County Nursing Home
Social Security Number	715-16-2201	
Father's Name	John David Shaffer	Few records list father's first name
Father's Birth		as John; nearly all say David (Jr.)
Mother's Name	Caroline Elizabeth White	
Mother's Birth		
Spouse Name	Irene Sillman Shaffer	Also listed as Mary Irene Sillman
Spouse Birth	2/22/1884	080-46-9535
Marriage	1/7/1904	
Other family mentioned	Lillian Shaffer Froelich (dau)	Res: Riverside Drive, Sayre, in 1939

Employment Info

Boilermaker in the Locomotive Shop in Sayre for the Lehigh Valley Railroad starting July 1908 through January 1946.

Salary/Pension/Pymts

1 File includes his monthly pay from January 1925 to December 1931 with an average monthly pay of $141.98 (total of this time period $11,926.25).
2 Monthly pension annuity was $75.48 at retirement starting February 1, 1946.
3 In 1952, Irene was eligible for a monthly $40 spouse annuity pension.
4 February 1968, John's monthly pension was $133.15, Irene's was $76.25.
5 When John died, Irene's monthly pension was $104.40.
6 At her death in 1974, Irene's monthly pension was $206.80.

Residences

1 1939 - 502 Stevenson Street, Sayre
2 1947 - moved to 713 Elmer Avenue, Sayre
3 By 1969, lived at 413 South Keystone Avenue, Sayre
4 Phone number in 1969: 885-4361 (area code not stated)

Medical

No medical information in file

Other extracts from file

1 Verifying his birth is evidence submitted of his baptismal certificate of June 20, 1877, stating his birth October 27, 1876, at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Berwick, parents being David and Caroline Shaffer. This was verified in 1945.

2 Irene's parents listed as: William Henry Sillman & Sarah Jane George

3 John & Irene married January 7, 1904 in Bloomsburg

4 Irene born in Scranton

5 Pension file is 105 pages

Record Citation

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